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**PATENT
CASE NAME/NO.: SP02-160**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: John H. Brennan, et al.

Serial No: 10/611,505

Filing Date: June 30, 2003

Title: OPTICAL LITHOGRAPHY FLUORIDE
CRYSTAL ANNEALING FURNACE

Art Group Unit: 1765

Examiner: Felisa Carla Hiteshew

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated February 2, 2005, designated as Paper No. 10611505 in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1 - 16, are drawn to method of making below 250 NM UV light transmitting optical fluoride lithography crystals, classified in class 117, subclass 81+;

Group II. Claims 17 - 24, drawn to an apparatus for making low birefringence optical fluoride crystals, classified in Class 422, subclass 245.100.

The Examiner asserted that these inventions may be regarded as independent and distinct from one another because they are related as a process of making and a product made.

As such, Applicants respectfully elects without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 1 - 16; Applicants withdraw from consideration Group II, claims 17-24. However applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for these non-elected claims.